

Anti-Slavery Office,

Feb. 4, 1854.

Dear Garrison:

Yours just received. Give yourself no uneasiness about the reading of your lecture. Of course you will feel somewhat constrained, but know for your consolation that you always read impressively, never coldly or dully. The topic you suggest is one that will be entirely satisfactory to us.

In regard to Beecher's lecture, the report is very deficient, more so that I at first sup-



proved. In all that he said about <sup>the gradual</sup> mitigation of the evils of slavery, there was nothing that implied any dissent from the doctrine that the system is a sin per se. If I had known before buying the report how deficient it would prove in this and some other particulars, I would have declined taking it. The fact is, he is very difficult to report, and, in this instance, the reporter, not knowing that a full report would be wanted, failed to take full notes.

I announced the Boston



Lectures by Beecher's special permission, and he is my authority for what I said, though, of course, he did not see the paragraph before its appearance in the Standard.

You shall hear from me again before the time for coming to New York.

Yours, truly,

W. Johnson.

